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SUBJECT: SHIP BUNKERS SHORTAGE

REF: STATE 234084 AND FASTO CIRCULAR 2967

1. IN RESPONSE OUR REQUEST FOR SITUATION REPORT, MINMERCHANT FLEET HAS INFORMED US THAT SOVINFLOT HAS SUSPENDED SUPPLY OF BUNKERS TO FOREIGN SHIPPING AT ALL SOVIET PORTS FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD. ACTION TAKEN IN CONSEQUENCE OF EXHAUSTION OF SOVINFLOT'S ALLOCATION OF BUNKER OIL FOR FOREIGN SHIPPING FOR 1973 AND CONTINUING EXCEPTIONAL DEMAND (MINISTRY OFFICIAL CITED AS EXAMPLE REPORTED REQUEST FROM SOME 4000 SHIPS TO COME FROM JAPAN TO NAKHODKA FOR BUNKERING). SITUATION UNDER REVIEW "AT HIGHER LEVEL" (PRESUMABLY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS), AND MINISTRY HOPES HAVE MORE INFORMATION IN A WEEK ABOUT DURATION OF SUSPENSION AND TERMS ON WHICH SUPPLY OF BUNKERS TO FOREIGN SHIPS WILL BE RESUMED. NO RESUMPTION EXPECTED, HOWEVER, BEFORE JANUARY.

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2. MINISTRY REPORTS BUNKER FOR SOVIET SHIPS, WHICH COMES

FROM SEPARATE PLAN ALLOCATION, BEING SUPPLIED BY SOVINFLOT AS USUAL BUT THAT SOVIET SHIPS ENCOUNTERING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES BUNKERING AT FOREIGN PORTS. (COMMENT: DECREASED AVAILABILITY ABROAD MAY BE EXPECTED TO GENERATE SOME INCREASE OF DEMAND BY SOVIET SHIPS FOR BUNKERS IN HOME PORTS, PUTTING FURTHER PRESSURE ON SUPPLIES.)

3. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY SPECIFIC REPORTS OF US VESSELS REFUSED BUNKERS IN SOVIET PORTS.

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